

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 18-24 are withdrawn.

1. (Amended) A vehicular trailer for transporting cylindrical objects comprising:

a front deck portion and a rear deck portion;

a middle deck portion disposed between and at a distance below said front deck portion and said rear deck portion;

a first transitional wall portion disposed at an angle between and connecting said front deck portion and said middle deck portion;

a second transitional wall portion disposed at an angle between and connecting said rear deck portion and said middle deck portion;

at least one front coil chock hingedly mounted to said first transitional wall portion and pivotal ~~movable~~ between a first position and a second position; and

at least one rear coil chock hingedly mounted to said second transitional wall portion and pivotal ~~movable~~ between a first position and a second position.

2. (Original) The trailer of claim 1 wherein said first transitional wall portion is disposed at angle between 40 and 55 degrees between said front deck portion and said middle deck portion and said second transitional wall portion is disposed at angle between 40 and 55 degrees between said rear deck portion and said middle deck portion.

3. (Original) The trailer of claim 1 wherein said first transitional wall portion and said second transitional wall portion are covered with a protective material.

4. (Original) The trailer of claim 1 wherein said at least one front coil chock includes a cushioned portion.

5. (Original) The trailer of claim 4 wherein said cushioned portion is made of hard rubber.

6. (Original) The trailer of claim 1 wherein said at least one rear coil chock includes a cushioned portion.

7. (Original) The trailer of claim 6 wherein said cushioned portion is made of hard rubber.

8. (Original) The trailer of claim 1 wherein said at least one front coil chock contacts said first transitional wall portion when in said first position and said at least one rear coil chock contacts said second transitional wall portion when in said first position.

9. (Amended) The trailer of claim 1 wherein said trailer further comprises a strap arranged to pass through an opening in a cylindrical object loaded on the trailer and retractably engaged with a strap tightening apparatus which is mounted to said middle deck portion.

10. (Original) The trailer of claim 1 wherein said front deck portion, said rear deck portion and said middle deck portion are substantially parallel.

11. (Amended) A vehicular trailer for transporting cylindrical objects comprising:
a front deck portion and a rear deck portion;
a middle deck portion disposed between and at a distance below said front deck portion
and said rear deck portion;
a first transitional wall portion disposed at an angle between and connecting said front
deck portion and said middle deck portion;
a second transitional wall portion disposed at an angle between and connecting said rear
deck portion and said middle deck portion;
at least one front coil chock having a cushion portion; and
at least one rear coil chock having a cushion portion;
wherein said at least one front coil chock is hingably mounted to said first transitional
wall portion and is movable between a first-support position and a ~~second-stowed~~ position;
wherein said at least one rear coil chock is hingably mounted to said second transitional
wall portion and is movable between a first-support position and a ~~second-stowed~~ position.

12. (Original) The trailer of claim 11 wherein said first transitional wall portion is
disposed at angle between 40 and 55 degrees between said front deck portion and said middle
deck portion and said second transitional wall portion is disposed at angle between 40 and 55
degrees between said rear deck portion and said middle deck portion.

13. (Original) The trailer of claim 12 wherein said first transitional wall portion and
said second transitional wall portion are covered with a protective material.

14. (Original) The trailer of claim 12 wherein said cushion portion of said at least one front coil chock is made of hard rubber and said cushion portion of said at least one rear coil chock is made of hard rubber.

15. (Amended) The trailer of claim 11 wherein said at least one front coil chock contacts said first transitional wall portion when in said ~~first~~support position and said at least one rear coil chock contacts said second transitional wall portion when in said support~~first~~ position.

16. (Amended) The trailer of claim 11 wherein said trailer further comprises a strap arranged to pass through an opening in a cylindrical object loaded on the trailer and retractably engaged with a strap tightening apparatus which is mounted to said middle deck portion.

17. (Original) The trailer of claim 11 wherein said front deck portion, said rear deck portion and said middle deck portion are substantially parallel.

18-24. (Withdrawn)

25. (New) The trailer of claim 11 wherein said support positions for said front and rear chocks are defined with said front and rear chock disposed on said first or second transitional wall portion respectively, and wherein said stowed positions for said front and rear

chocks are defined with said front or rear chocks disposed on said front or rear deck portions respectively.

26. (New) The trailer of claim 16 wherein said strap tightening apparatus is a ratcheting cylinder mounted to said middle deck.

27. (New) The trailer of claim 16 wherein said strap is made of a non-metallic material.

28. (New) The trailer of claim 16 wherein said strap is made of a woven material.

29. (New) A vehicular trailer for transporting cylindrical objects, comprising:

a front deck portion;

a rear deck portion;

a middle deck portion disposed between and at a distance below said front deck portion and said rear deck portion;

a first transitional wall portion disposed at an angle between and connecting said front deck portion and said middle deck portion;

a second transitional wall portion disposed at an angle between and connecting said rear deck portion and said middle deck portion;

wherein said first and second transitional wall portions are configured to receive and support a cylindrical object with a first diameter so that the cylindrical object does not contact said middle deck portion; and,

at least one chock arrangeable in a support position relative to said first and second transitional wall portions to receive and support a cylindrical object of a second diameter so that the cylindrical object does not contact said middle deck portion, wherein said second diameter is different from said first diameter.

30. (New) The trailer of claim 29, comprising at least one pair of chocks arrangeable in support positions to receive and support a cylindrical object of a third diameter so that the cylindrical object does not contact said middle deck portion, wherein said third diameter is different from said first and second diameters.

31. (New) The trailer of claim 30, wherein each said chock is movable between a said support position and a stowed position, and wherein said chock in a stowed position is arranged to not contact a received cylindrical object.